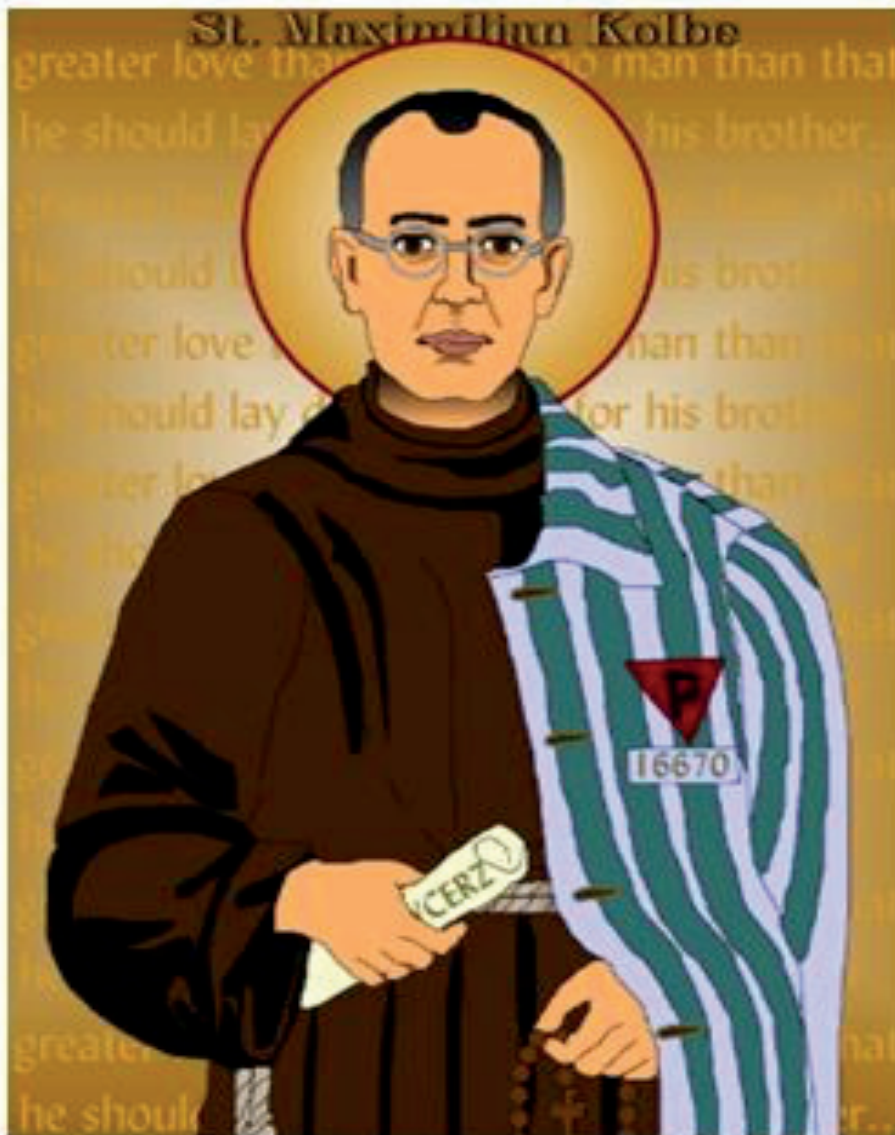


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 am

10 am

12 Noon

Daily Mass

8:30 am Monday

6:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions

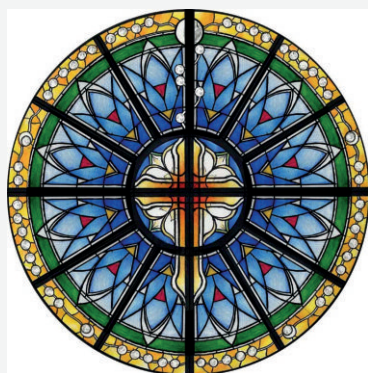
30 minutes prior to
Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm—4:30 pm

Or by appointment: 281-955-7324.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



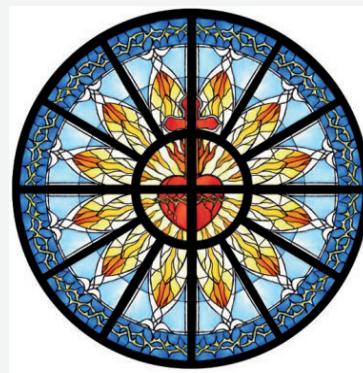
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak • Deacon John Naber
Deacon David Persich • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Janis Echeverria (Facilitator)
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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

ADULT BAPTISM: Adults who desire to become Catholic will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

INFANT BAPTISM (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Parents of infants to be baptized are to attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born. Godparents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

Adults and older youth who have not been Confirmed should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples who are considering marriage are to contact the parish office, at least six (6) months (preferably earlier) before the couple's projected wedding date.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.

Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

Greg Weatherly †, friend of Geoff Gorka & Janice Moore

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 —And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —
 Amen.



For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family & friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness & doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.



Garage Sale items for the Fall Festival will not be accepted until Monday, October 2nd.

Please come to the parish office before unloading your items for directions on where to place them. Keep in mind, no clothing will be accepted. Stuffed animals are currently being accepted in the church office. Silent Auction items are being accepted also. Please refer to the flyer on pg. 5 for more details.

Pray for more rain!

SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

A bow signifies reverence & honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words **“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”**

—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

September 24, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ: Since Fr. Lawrence is on vacation, the following replaces his normal Pastor's Message. Also, see p. 7 for Part 12 of this liturgical educational series on the Mass. Priesthood Sunday is this Sunday. See p. 8 for a prayer for priests. We welcome Fr. Adam McClosky (5 pm Vigil & 8 am Masses) & Fr. Ron Cloutier (10 am & 12 Noon Masses) as the celebrant & homilist.



The Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 11: Gloria

By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

To review what we have covered so far regarding the Mass, we have recalled our baptism with the [Holy Water](#), [genuflected](#) to honor Jesus in the tabernacle, quietly and prayerfully [prepared for Mass](#), sung the [opening hymn](#), made the [Sign of the Cross](#), and humbly called to mind our sins and praised God's mercy in the [Penitential Act](#). Now, it is time for another one of my favorite parts of the Mass: The Gloria.

A Song of Praise "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." Many of us may recognize these words from St. Luke's Gospel as the song the angels sing in praise announcing the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem ([Luke 2:14](#)). Each year on Christmas Eve, I recall our family traditions from when I was young, including Christmas Eve Mass together as a family. One year, we went to bed very early so that we wouldn't be too tired for the Mass at midnight. In my memory, I still hear very clearly my grandparents singing in the choir and the bells ringing with joy as we sang together the news of Christ's birth. As we grew older and became altar servers, my brother and I would practice so that we could ring the bells steadily throughout the Gloria. It took a lot of endurance!



As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates, "The *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb" (GIRM, no. 53). The Gloria is full of phrases and titles from the Bible. Edward Sri explains, "one could describe this prayer, which goes back to early Christianity, as a mosaic of biblical titles for God and common biblical expressions of praise." Sri goes on to list many Scripture references to these titles, such as "Lord Almighty" (Baruch 3:1; 2 Corinthians 6:18), "Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 19:6), and "King of Glory" (see *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 43).

Three Acts From the context of the Gloria, we are clearly singing the first part to God the Father and then the second part to God the Son. According to Sri: "The next part of the Gloria, in a sense, tells a story—the story of Christ. Like a three-act play, the Gloria sums up the story of Christ's saving work moving from 1) his coming, to 2) his redeeming death, to 3) his triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven" (p. 44). Once again, Sri highlights many references to the Scriptures, including the Divine Sonship of Christ ([John 5:17-18](#); [10:30-38](#); [2 Corinthians 1:19](#); [Colossians 1:13](#); [Hebrews 1:1-2](#)); the Lamb of God ([John 1:29](#); [Revelation 5:6-14](#); [12:11](#); [17:14](#), among many others); and Christ's position at the right hand of the Father ([Mark 16:19](#)) (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, pp. 45-46).

Sri continues, "Notice how the whole mission of Jesus is summed up in this section of the Gloria. We move from the Son's Incarnation, to his Paschal Mystery, to his enthronement in heaven. We move from praising Jesus as the 'Only Begotten Son' of the Father who became flesh & dwelt among us; to worshiping him as the 'Lamb of God' who by his sacrifice takes away the sin of the world; to praising him in his triumph over sin and death as he is 'seated at the right hand of the Father.' Indeed, the very climax of salvation history can be summed up in the Gloria" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 46).

Fittingly, we probably most often think of the Gloria as a hymn of praise. The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Christ—the act of perfect worship of the Father. That certainly does call forth praises! The Gloria can truly be a great model of prayer for us and hopefully strengthens our readiness for the many fruits that will continue to come in the Mass. As we sing the Gloria together, it is a great lead into what comes next: The Collect, which gathers our prayers and presents our focus for the celebration of each Mass.



For Reflection: 1. Pray again with Luke's account of the angels appearing to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth and proclaiming the first line of the Gloria ([Luke 2:9-14](#)). Next time you participate in Mass and sing the Gloria, consider yourself to be singing with the angels.

2. The Book of Daniel recounts three Jewish youths praising God from the midst of a fiery furnace King Nebuchadnezzar has ordered to punish them for their steadfast faith. Reflect on this lengthy canticle ([Daniel 3:51-90](#)) and how it relates to the Gloria. As the three youths invoke all creatures to "praise and exalt God above all forever," what lines would you add from your daily life experience? **Source:** <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-11-gloria>



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

Pray for our parish!

"The Cross is the school of love."

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

"There is no greater love, than to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15: 13

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1164
Order of Mass: Hymnal #166—#187



Gathering Hymn: #588—I Have Loved You

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal)

Gospel Alleluia

Profession of Faith/Creed: #174 or inside cover of hymnal

Preparation Hymn: #582—Rain Down

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn:

#943—Bread of Life From Heaven

God Be in My Head

Sending Forth Hymn: #689—Though the Mountains
May Fall



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Seek God while He's close; abandon wickedness. Turn to the merciful Lord. His thoughts surpass ours, as heaven is above earth. His ways & thoughts are beyond ours. (Is 55:6-9)

Psalm: Daily I'll bless & praise You, O Lord, forever. Your greatness is beyond measure. You're gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, & just. You're near to all who call upon You. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: In life or death, I magnify Christ. Life means fruitful labor. Caught between longing for departure to be with Christ & staying for your benefit. Live worthily of the gospel. (Phil 1:20-27)

Gospel: The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires laborers at different times. Those who worked only an hour received the same wage as those who worked all day. The landowner's generosity teaches that God's ways are not based on human standards of fairness. (Mt 20:1-16)

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12, 13;

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or

Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32



All Men are Welcome!
Come sing with the Choir
Sat., Sept. 30th @ 5 pm Mass!

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted
on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



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Mass Intentions



Saturday, Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

5 pm Dolores Estrada †

Sunday, September 24

Priesthood Sunday

25th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Nap Esperanza †

12 Noon James W. Cozart, Jr. † David & Camila
Thiam †

Monday, September 25

8:30 am Jennifer Nguyen's Intentions

Tuesday, September 26

Ss. Cosmas & Damian

6:30 pm Antonio Crisostomo †

Wednesday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 am Diane & Morgan Shinn

Thursday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus,
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:30 am Thomas Comstock

Friday, September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel &
Raphael, Archangels

8:30 am Clare Biagas †

Saturday, September 30

St. Jerome

5 pm Michael Williams † & Marie Williams †

Sunday, October 1

Respect Life Sunday

26th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Clara Kmiec †

12 Noon Herman Pereira †, Ashley Pereira †, &
Lila Calderon †

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <https://www.usccb.org> Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read (in English or Spanish). Click on "Listen Podcasts" to hear the Word recited. Click on "View Videos" to hear a reflection. Click on "Get Daily Readings e-mails" to have the daily readings sent to your email. Or go to our parish website (<https://stmaximilian.org/>) to secure the readings.

White Mass 2023 Save the Date: The Annual White Mass and Reception will be held on Monday, October 16th at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, beginning at 6pm. Cardinal DiNardo will be the main Celebrant. Registration will be coming soon! The White Mass is in honor of all members of the health care profession.

Red Mass 2023 Save the Date: The Annual Red Mass and Dinner will be held Wed., Nov. 8th at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, beginning at 6:15 pm. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the main Celebrant & Homilist. More info & registration will be available soon! The Red Mass is in honor of all members of the legal profession.

fall festival 2023

Saturday October 7th
10am-8pm



T-shirts

On Sale Now!
Shirts are \$15 cash
or check
and will be on
sale after Mass.



DRAWING October 7th
Look for a committee member after Mass
to get your tickets!

WANTED
VENDORS AND CRAFTERS
stmaxvendors@gmail.com

SPONSORS NEEDED

Financial Sponsors Needed.
St. Maximilian Kolbe depends on the funds
raised to cover church expenses. Please see
the donation form online, or contact
Karen at karenanngaston@yahoo.com
OR

Joy at jonorato5@att.net
if you have any questions.
Sponsor deadline is September 14.



BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have questions, please contact Mother's Meeting at mothersmeeting1010@gmail.com



Start cleaning out the closets!
We will be accepting garage sale items
that are in new or gently used condition,
starting Monday, October 2nd.
Please no clothing.



We are looking for donations of
new or gently used stuffed animals!
Please drop these off at the church office!



Saturday Afternoon
October 7th
With Concessions
More information to follow.



BBQ Dinners provided by the
Knights of Columbus
BBQ chicken and fixings! \$12

Pray for blessings on our Parish Fall Festival !

Pray for Our Nation

25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

This ceremony will be held on Sun., Oct. 29th @
the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm, to
honor couples celebrating their Silver (25th) An-
niversary.

For the above anniversary celebration, register online: <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/family-life-ministry/> Scroll downward to Wedding Jubilee. Once registered, you will need to provide a copy of the Wedding Certificate issued by the parish of your wedding.

Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org

The pantry could use the following items: canned vegetables, beans, & pasta, 1 lb. bag dry rice & dry beans, 24 oz. canned Hunts pasta sauce, canned soups, peanut butter, canned meats, jelly, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, Hamburger or Tuna Helper, oatmeal, sandwich crackers, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, body soap, toothpaste, and 10-18 oz. cereal.. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications or alcoholic beverages.

Updated 9/18/23



Stuffed Animal Booth for the Fall Festival.

We're excited to have the stuffed animal booth again! We were so glad to see that our booth was such a success, because of the kind generosity of our parishioners. I am reaching out to you all again in hopes that we can continue to make it fun for our children. We are in need of small, medium & large stuffed animals that are new and/or lightly used. Stuffed animal donations can be left at the church or parish office labeled for stuffed animal booth. Thank you.

Pray for blessings on our Parish!

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**
John 1:5



That Man Is You! (TMIY) is back this fall with a new program called The Light of Men. Elevate your mind on things that are above. The 13 week fall semester contains powerful videos on the Light of Christ, Winning the Culture War, each of the Seven Deadly Sins, objective and subjective arguments for God's existence, from renown Catholic speakers like Dr. Peter Kreeft, Dr. Ralph Martin and Matthew Leonard. **All men are welcome. Come join us every Friday, in the Education Building from 5:30am-7am.** Breakfast is served. Video begins about 6 am. Small group discussion at 6:30am. Closing prayer 7am sharp. Call or text Tom Comstock at 281-380-0403 for more info.



Power Hour Prayer
Time *Need a spiritual boost?* Join us at 7 pm on Monday nights in the Immaculata Chapel. Call Jeanette Coury at 281-914-3676 for more info.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry

Open Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m.



**Scan here to see the
current needs for
donations!**





**Make a
Donation
for life!**

**Houston
Coalition
for Life**

St. Max Run/Walk for Life

Sat., Sept. 30th--7:30—10:30 am

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church campus

For info: call Tom Comstock @ 281-380-0403



Fr. Lawrence
ran last year
& will run
this year!

You can make a donation for Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak, Deacon Dennis or any other of the St. Maximilian walkers, by going to our main page of the parish website under the Mass & Confession schedule:

<https://stmaximilian.org/>



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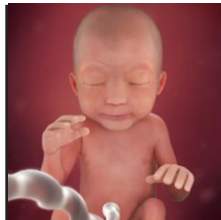
**8:30-8:50 am Liturgy of the Word Service
in the Church**

**Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest
Age 18 & Under; Pro-Life Theme
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes!**

**9:30 am Youth Race with Mr. Chris!
There will be prizes!**

**Toddler Trot is Back! Begins @ 9:55 am
Fun, quick 10 yard race
2 years & Under**

**10:30 am Rosary for Life
under the Canopy**



Spiritual Adoption: End of Month 6

"I'm sitting up straight now!"

We are now at the end of the 2nd trimester! Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving.

"Thank you for praying for me. I'm now 24 weeks old.

- I weigh almost 2 pounds & am about 12 inches long.**
- I just opened my eyes**
- I can hear sounds, too!"**

Please pick up a blessed Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card, at the church exits, to pray for an unborn child to be saved from abortion. This prayer campaign ends December 25, although continued prayers afterward is encouraged. Please also pray for an end to abortion and the healing and reconciliation of all involved.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Gen 1:27

Watch the amazing & medically accurate, animated video of human life from the moment of fertilization. <https://babyolivia.liveaction.org/> For more information, contact Karen at kcomstock@sbcglobal.net or 281-639-1999.



Kolbe Kids Early Childhood Program

Registration is now open for Kolbe Kids' Early Childhood Program! Kolbe Kids' has one of the best student to teacher ratios in the area! Contact Eileen Mace at 281-923-2932 or by email eileenm@stmaximilian.org

Next weekend of Sept. 30th- Oct. 1st, Sister Lisa Marie Valentini, MSC, will visit us here at St. Maximilian Kolbe to share with us about the Missionary work of her Congregation. She will speak at all the Masses.



My dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, because we have been Baptized, we are called to be Missionaries in our world today. We are called to live God's love and to spread it. Perhaps today we could take some time to think about our call to Mission – a call that comes from Jesus Himself – “to go out to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News”. For this year's annual Mission Appeal, we will welcome Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC -- a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – who is coming to share with all of us here at St. Maximilian about the Missionary endeavors of her MSC Sisters. Sister Lisa is also looking forward to speaking with us about her own personal mission experiences in Perú, Mexico, Haiti, India and the Dominican Republic. In fact, Sister has some new stories to share with us next weekend, since she recently returned from a Mission Immersion Experience with a group of young Canadians in the Dominican Republic! There are two ways of being Missionary: One is to GIVE by GOING – which is what the MSC Sisters do. . .the other is to GO by GIVING --. . .Our Mission Appeal gives us the opportunity to “GIVE” so that we can be a part of the Missionary work of the MSC Sisters. Let us be as generous as possible in our Mission Appeal Collection next weekend – knowing that the Lord promises us a hundredfold in return.



MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Collection for the Week of September 10-17, 2023

Collections	\$23,332
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,545
Total	\$24,877

<i>Faith Direct: 9/15/2023 (received twice a month)</i>	
Collections	\$25,897
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,755
Total	\$27,652

Archdiocesan Second Collection	\$436
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- **2023 mandatory amt: \$150,000**
- **Amount Paid so far: \$150,516**
(\$516 over in amt paid)
- **Amt pledged to be paid: \$11,799**
- **Amt paid + to be pledged: \$162,315**
Amt. over mandatory amt: \$12,315
- **388 donors out of 2163 households**



Be generous to the Maintenance & Repair fund.

The collection for the September 3rd weekend for St. Maximilian was \$16,327.



The Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 12: Collect (Opening Prayer)

By Fr. Luke Spannagel: Step-by-Step through the Mass

A Prayer in Four Parts “Let us pray...” After the [Gloria](#), the priest sings or says this invitation to pray. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes, “Next the Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God’s presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the priest pronounces the prayer usually called the ‘Collect’ and through which the character of the celebration finds expression” (*GIRM*, no. 54). Charles Belmonte notes it is “called the Collect because it sums up and gathers together all the intentions of the day’s sacrifice” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 65).



According to Belmonte, the Collect has a standard structure of four parts: an invocation to God, the grounds on which we base our confidence (or a reference to the feast of the day), a petition, and a conclusion (see p. 66). For example, we see these four parts in this Collect from the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: “O God [invocation], who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true [grounds for confidence], grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you [petition]. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever [conclusion].”

Praying Together During the Collect & other prayers in the Mass, the priest extends his hands & arms outward in what is called the “orans” position, which means a position of prayer. This position was used by our Jewish ancestors & adapted for Christian prayer. With a historical note from the early Christian writer Tertullian, Belmonte observes that Christians adjusted how the hands are held “so as to resemble those of the Lord on the cross” (p. 65). During the Mass, the priest uses this gesture to indicate that we are all praying together; he is collecting all our prayers and offering them up to the Father.



At the end of this prayer, the people respond by saying, “Amen.” As Fr. Guy Oury teaches us, this Hebrew word means “so be it, without question.” He continues, “The Amen is the people’s stamp of approval on what has just been said in their name. It is a Yes to the priest as having spoken the prayer” (*The Mass*, p. 57). The meaning and function of this simple response invite the congregation to respond boldly with a confident “Amen” in affirmation of this prayer in their name.

Preparing for Prayer How should we pray during the Collect? Does the Collect seem to happen so quickly that you miss the words? That brief moment of silence before the prayer is an important one when each person can offer personal intentions to be joined with what the priest is about to pray. Here is a great moment to share interiorly any specific prayers you would like to offer along with the spoken prayers of the Mass. It is also an opportunity to prepare ourselves to listen attentively to the words of the Collect as an overview or summary of the main emphases of the prayers for that particular Mass. Perhaps we could see it as an invitation for how Jesus might teach us in the Mass. We might benefit greatly from reading over the words of the Collect before the Mass. If you have never done it, I would invite you to read through the words a couple of times and ask the Lord to prepare your mind and heart for what is to come. This mentality also prepares us to listen to the Liturgy of the Word, God’s word spoken to His people.

For Reflection 1. As Father Luke suggests, take time before Mass, either at home or in church, to pray with the Collect prayer for that liturgy. You can find Collects in Missals, missalette, or online.

2. Reflect on [Psalm 33](#), which tells us that God “surveys all who dwell on earth” (v. 14). Consider God receiving all the prayers we lift up during the moment of silence that belongs to the Collect. The Psalm further claims, “The One who fashioned together their hearts / is the One who knows all their works” (Ps. 33:15). Allow the Collect to “fashion” and shape your heart by listening attentively to the words the presider proclaims.

Source: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-12-collect>



Let us pray:

Gracious & loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding & strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

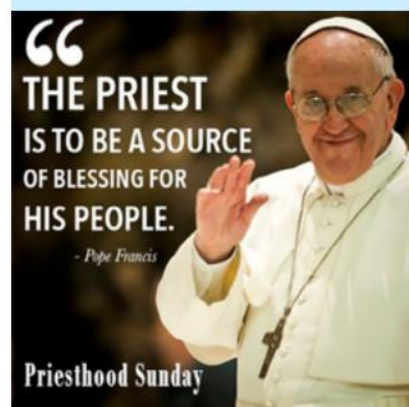
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

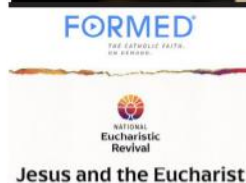
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns as our Eternal Priest. **Amen.**



**Pray
everyday
for our
Priests!**



Jesus and the Eucharist

Formed.org is offering a new 7-part series called **Jesus and the Eucharist**. Made with the help of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, the series gives examples of pursuing virtue & faith in the modern world. Catholic Bishops, professors & speakers lend insight to help renew the understanding of the gift of the Blessed Sacrament.

<https://watch.formed.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist-a-small-group-series-for-eucharistic-revival>

Registering on FORMED is easy!

—Go to <https://formed.org/signup>

—Enter our parish zip code 77064 & select our parish

—Enter your name & email



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Coffee & Donuts every Sunday,

Plan to join us for fellowship in the Education Bldg.

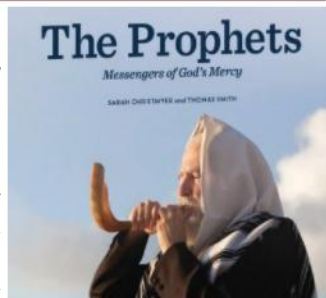
The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

God sent prophets to speak to His people to help them reject sin & selfishness, draw closer to God & act with justice and generosity. It is nearly impossible to understand the work & message of Christ Jesus without seeing how God used prophets to guide His people earlier in salvation history. Join us for a 10-session study. The class will be offered:

- 6:30 pm Sundays on Zoom or in room 215 starting on Sept 10 OR
- 9:30 am Fridays in room 215/216 starting on Sept 15.

For Zoom info, pgo to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website: www.stmaximilian.org/adult-formation If you would like to reimburse the parish for the cost of the materials, it is \$35. Contact Molly Smith for more info:

molly.smith@stmaximilian.org



“The Chosen”



Join us in watching this popular series on “the big screen” in Kolbe Hall on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the 5 pm Mass in Kolbe Hall (around 6:15 pm). We are now meeting the 2nd Saturday for the Fall. Go to the Adult Faith Formation page on our website to see the showing schedule or to find out how to catch up on previously shown episodes.

Next showing: Saturday, Oct. 14th. Come join us!



St. Max High School Choir

Sing at Noon Mass on Sundays
Practice in Canticle Hall from 1:15-2:00
p.m. on Sundays starting September 17

Sign Up Here! ->





SEPTEMBER '23



O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS: SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS: BUT ABOVE ALL TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST. AMEN

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Faith Formation

Online Registration Now Open , Fall-Spring, Home-based

BACK TO SCHOOL BIBLE BLITZ

https://kahoot.it/challenge/08960754?challenge-id=1bc07edd-95c9-4583-bcc4-ae621078ec50_1695057341255

- Starts September 3rd and runs until November 19th.
- Look for the link each week in the bulletin or on the St. Maximilian Kolbe website.
- Grab your Bible, click the link, type in your family name and take the quiz.



Please feel free to use a code name if you want privacy.

This is not about getting a grade.

This is not about measuring how much anyone knows about the Bible.

This is for fun to help us all feel more comfortable with the Bible.



KAHOOT BIBLE TRIVIA!



CHALLENGE OTHERS AT THE PARISH ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUNDAY READINGS AND WIN PRIZES! SCAN QR CODE TO PLAY!

ST. MAX YOUTH FALL 2023

Junior High

High School

Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Starting - September 10 Starting - September 13



Text - StMaxYM to 84576 to join Flocknote!

Fall Spring Schedule Many sessions open for Faith Formation beginning in September:

- Sunday afternoons 2:30-4pm Grades Pre-K to 12
- Thursday evenings 6:30-8pm Grades Pre-K to 8
- Homeschool session Grades K-8

<https://stmaximilian.org/children-youth-faith-formation>



2023-2024 (CCE) Calendar Faith Formation- Fall / Spring

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Sunday Session 2:30p - 4p
PreK - 12th Gr.

Thursday Session 6:30p - 8p
PreK - 8th Gr.

Registration Deadline
1st Deadline August 14
2nd Deadline August 29

Parent Meeting
First day of class,

CFISD
Student Holiday

SEPTEMBER: For people living on the margins
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in
inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by insti-
tutions & never considered of lesser importance.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others.

*"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." -
Matthew 20:16*

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Does your marriage need a lifeline? The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship.

It is for couples with marriages that are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who are already separated or divorced that want marriage help. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Some couples have been married for many years, while others have been married only a short time & encountered trouble. Upcoming Houston Weekend, Oct. 13-15. Register now at www.helpourmarriage.org



"It is not necessary to be wealthy to do good. Rather, it is almost always common people who devote their time, skills and heart to caring for others." Pope Francis



to all those who participated in the Ministry Fair last weekend.

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

To the side are days/times where help is needed.
To sign up, contact Susie Charnock @ 281-813-1492.
"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?..." Mt 26:40



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Eleanor Antunez, Rudy Archuleta, Lupe Batey, Melissa Batey, Norma Bodin, Bill Carew, Aurora Enciso, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, James Geary, Soledad Haren, Georgia Hohensee, Madison Koopmann, Rachele Marchisio, Craig McKnight, Arma Morrison, Maria Mien Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Rose Pennell, Stan Petty, Irma Phillips, Walker Ponder, Marian Rearick, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Guillermo Stewart-Gaynor, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Ngoc Anh Uy, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Bryler Weda, Frances Wooley, & Chuck Woodruff

Pray for an end to violence.

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 7 pm-8 pm
(Every first Tuesday of the month.)

THYSÍA

An hour of Eucharistic
Adoration, Worship, and
Scripture

After 6:30 p.m. daily Mass
every first Tuesday



St. Max Book Club
The Privilege of Being a Woman
by Dr. Alice von Hildebrand
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm, starting October 5
Room 214 of the Education Bldg.

The book will contrast the secular and the supernatural to see God's blessings to women as exemplified in the Blessed Mother who shows us how to be receptive to God.

Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Wednesday	1 am—2 am
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	1 am—2 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Saturday	4 am—5 am
Sunday	6 pm—7 pm ** Most Needed

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